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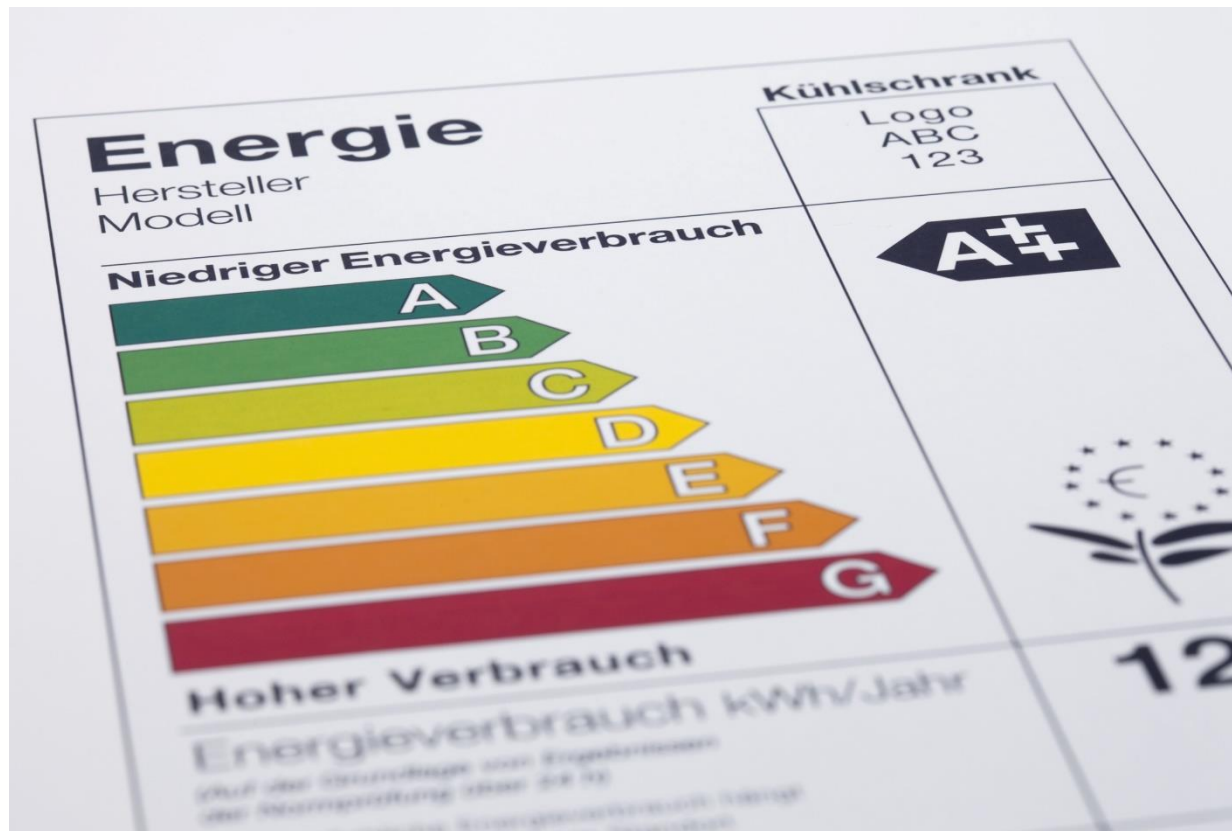
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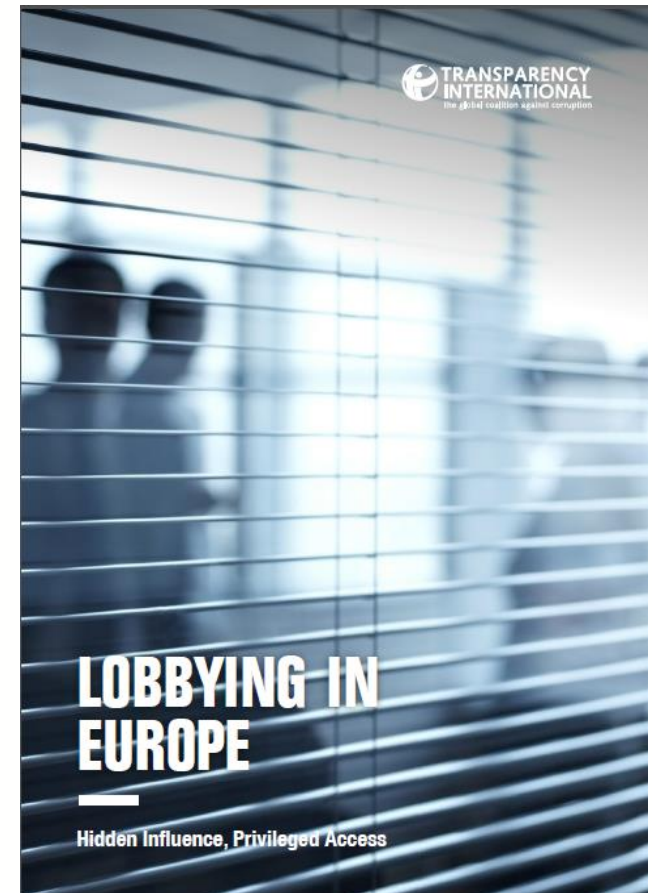
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LOBBYING IN EUROPE



2015 Study:

- 19 member states, 3 EU Institutions
- 65 indicators
- Looking at transparency, integrity and equality of access of lobbying



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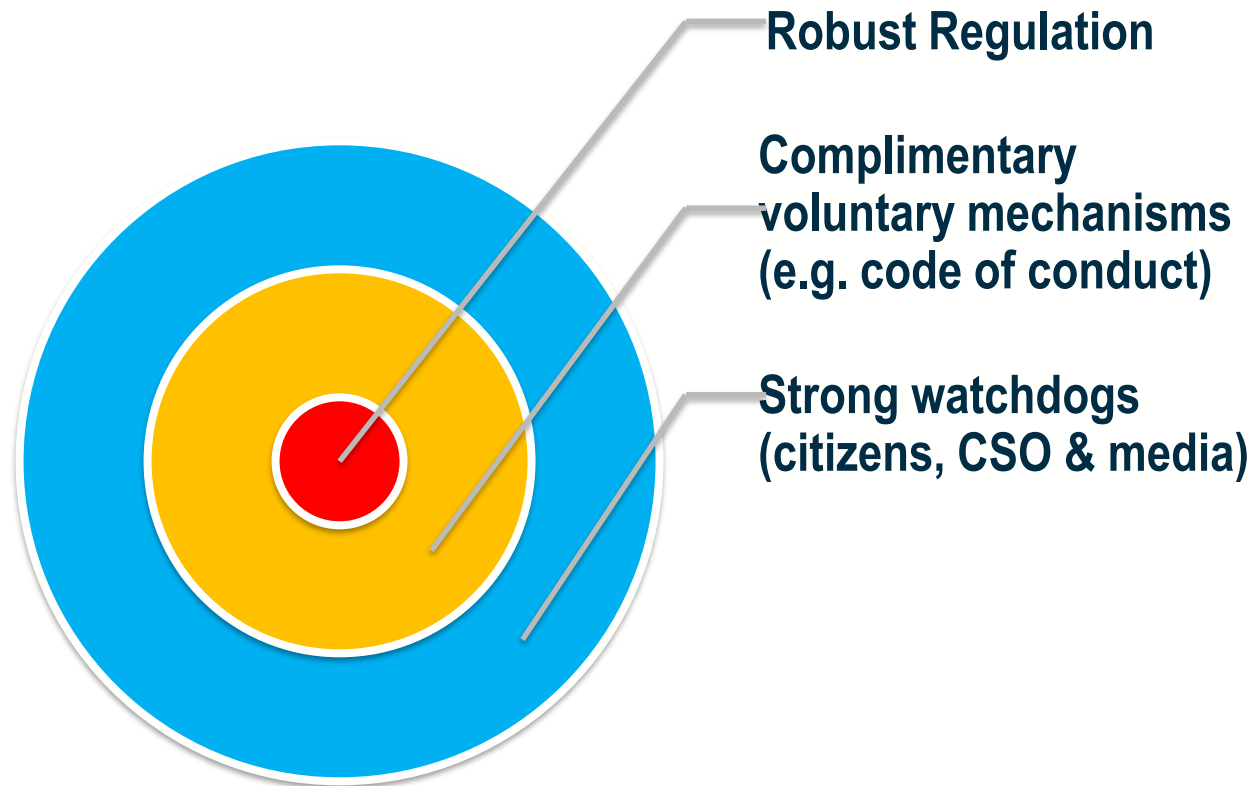
Scale 0-100,
where 0 is the weakest and 100 is the strongest

Countries and institutions	Overall score
Slovenia	55%
European Commission	53%
Lithuania	50%
United Kingdom	44%
Austria	40%
Ireland	39%
Latvia	39%
European Parliament	37%
Netherlands	34%
Poland	33%
Czech Republic	29%

Countries and institutions	Overall score
Estonia	29%
France	27%
Slovakia	26%
Bulgaria	25%
Germany	23%
Portugal	23%
Spain	21%
Italy	20%
Council of European Union	19%
Cyprus	14%
Hungary	14%

31%
Regional average

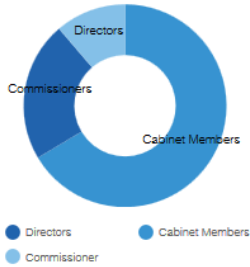
MANAGING RISKS



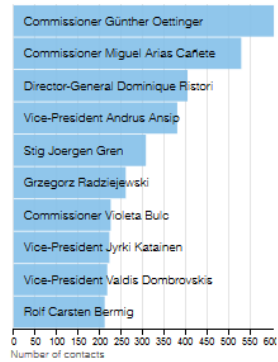


EUROPEAN COMMISSION

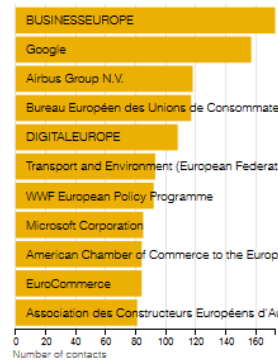
POLICY LEVEL i



TOP 10 HOSTS i



TOP 10 ORGANISATIONS i



LOBBYIST

CATEGORY OF LOBBY ORGANISATION i



PORTFOLIO i



SUBJECTS OF LOBBY MEETINGS i



SUB-CATEGORY OF LOBBY ORGANISATION i



Search or filter:

Filter by Lobbyist, Host, Subject...

Currently selected:

17,064 out of 17,064 meetings

3,823 out of 3,823 organisations

20,347 Lobbyists

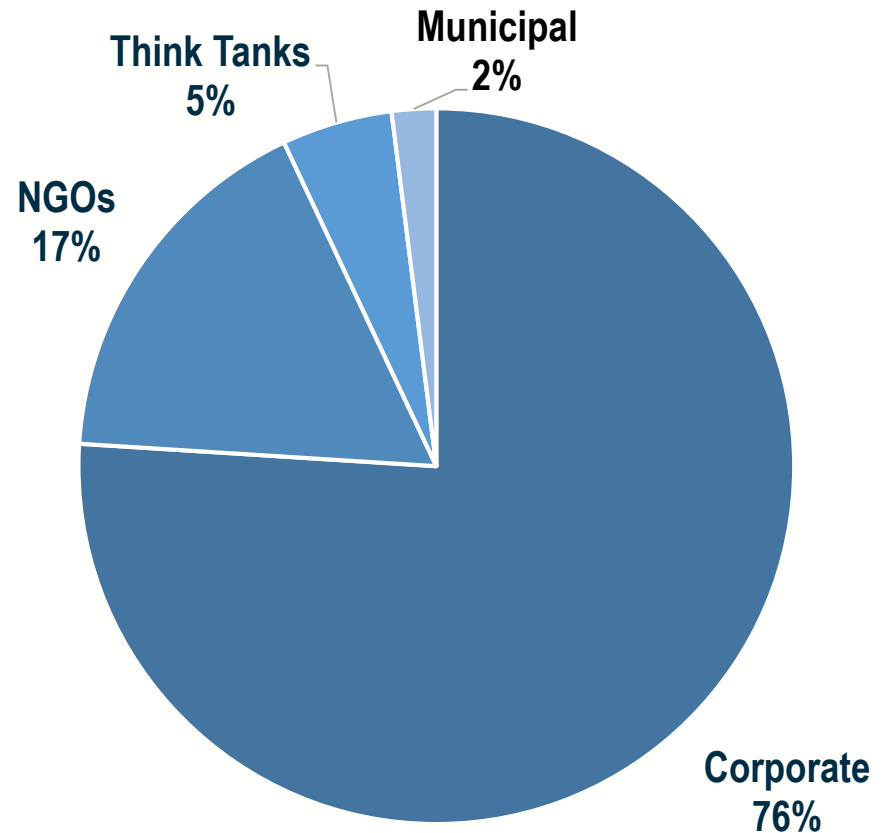
5,052 Lobbyists accredited with the European Parliament

EU LOBBYING IN NUMBERS



Meetings with European Commissioners

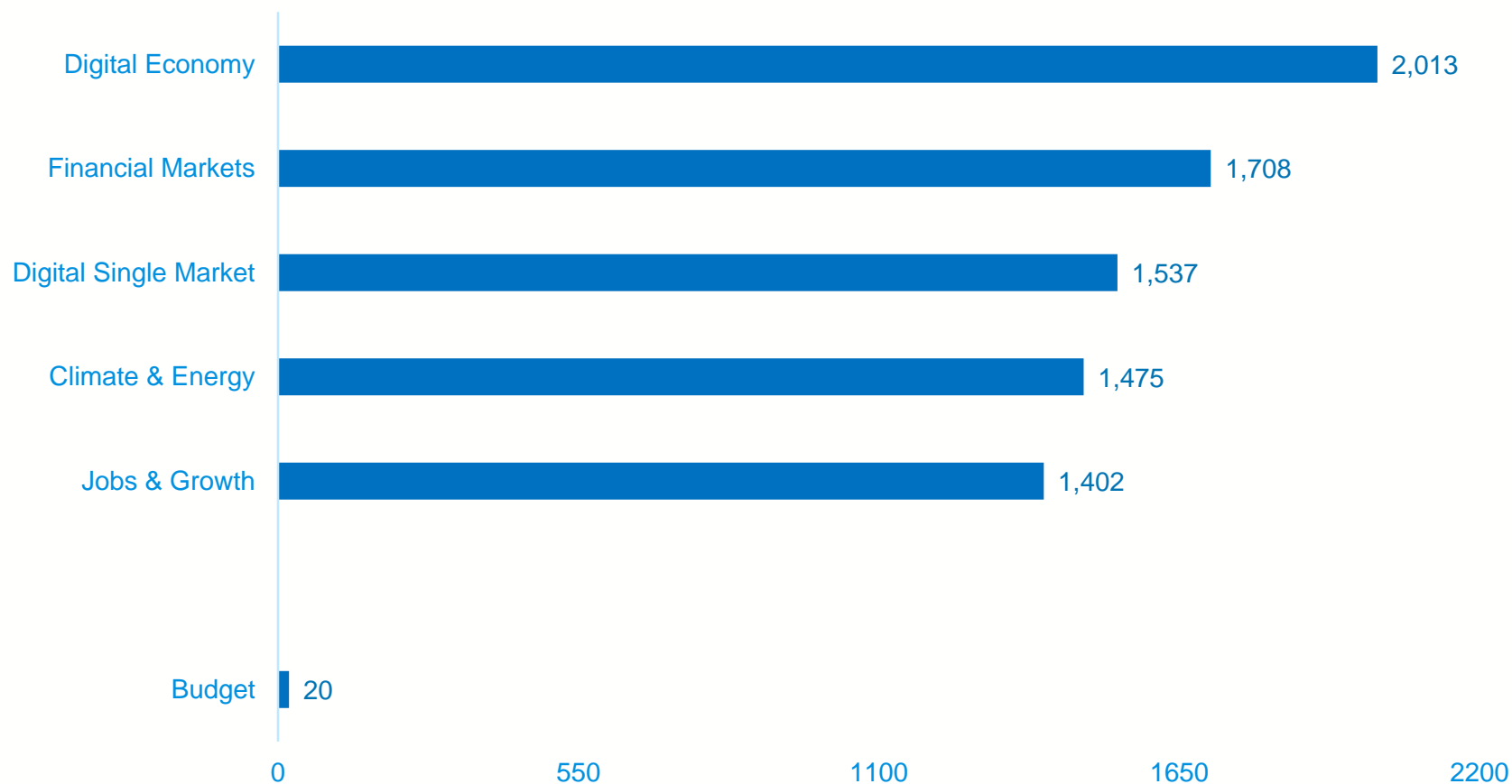
17,064 Meetings
11,533 Lobby Organisations
35,000+ Lobbyists
€1.5bn+ EU Lobby Budget



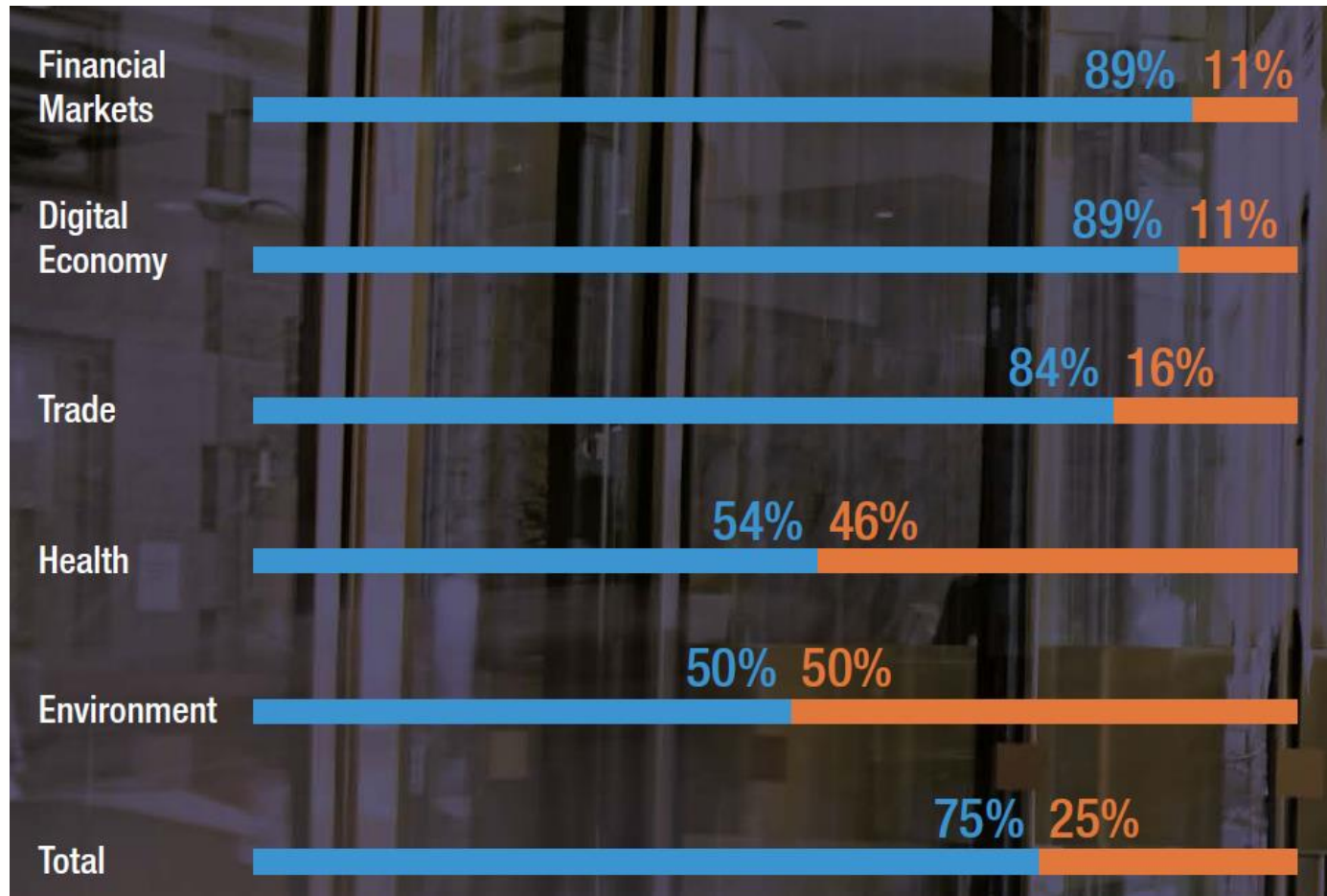
COMMISSION HOT SPOTS



Commission Meetings by portfolio



EQUALITY OF ACCESS BY PORTFOLIO



A photograph of Jean-Claude Juncker, the President of the European Commission, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit, a light-colored shirt, and a patterned tie. He has grey hair and is wearing glasses. His hands are raised in a gesture as he speaks. The background is blurred, showing an audience in a large hall.

Commission President Juncker wants the EU to be a leader in integrity and ethics, but the current rules lag behind international best practice.

A MANDATORY EU LOBBY REGISTER



BASIC PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE:

- No registration, no meeting
- Cover everyone involved in legislation / decision-making
- Better definitions, monitoring and sanctions

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WHO WANTS THIS?

- Citizens
- Lobbyists
- European Commission

WHO IS BLOCKING IT?

- Member States / Council
- European Parliament



WHAT ELSE IS NEEDED?

TO COMPLEMENT THE LOBBY REGISTER:

- Reform of Access to Documents rules and better websites
- Revolving door rules and independent ethics oversight
- Transparency of legislative process (Council, trilogues)

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